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This is in response to an official action dated January 13, 2004, wherein the pending claims were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraph, and 35 U.S.C. §102(b). The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.